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SUBJECT: FY 1977 MILITARY SECURITY ASSISTANCE

REF: (A) STATE 017370 (DTG 230423Z JAN 76) (B) 75
NAIROBI 9722 (DTG 071030Z NOV 75)

1. THIS MESSAGE RESPONDS TO VEJAS 5 AND 6 OF REF A; A
SEPARATE MESSAGE PROVIDING OVERALL ASSESSMENT BY
AMBASSADOR OF PROPOSED U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR

KENYA FOR FY 77 WILL BE FORWARDED SUBSEQUENTLY AS RE-
QUESTED PARA 7 OF REF A.

2. THIS EMBASSY HAS FORWARDED ITS TRAINING REQUIREMENTS
FOR FY 77 TO USCINCEUR FOR INCORPORATION IN ADP DATA
BASE. NO GRANT MATERIAL OR SERVICES (EXCEPT TRAINING)
ARE PROGRAMMED FOR KENYA FOR FY 77. BELIEVE THIS
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REEWONDS FULLY TO PARA 5 OF REF A.

3. FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO
PARA 6, REF A, SUBJECT TO MANY OF THE SAME UNCERTAIN-
TIES AS WE POINTED OUT IN REF B. AS ADDRESSEES ARE
AWARE, KENYA DEFENSE MINISTRY DELEGATION IS SCHEDULED
TO VISIT WASYGQQTON IN MID-FEBRUARY, AT WHICH TIME WE
HOPE MORE PRECISE DEFINITION OF U.S. ROLE IN KENYA'S
DEFENSE CWUS WILL EMERGE. COMMENTS ARE KEYED TO
LETTERED SUBPARAGRAPHS OF PARA 6, REF A:

A. EMBASSY BEA EVES KENYA WILL ACCEPT FY 77 FMS
CREDIT OF \$5,000,000 AND WILL CONSUMMATE CREDIT AGREE-
MENT, DESPITE DISAPPOINTMENT THAT LARGER AMOUNT NOT
OFFERED.

B. KENYA'S HIGHEST PRIORITY FOR FMS CREDIT UTILI-
ZATION CONTINUES TO BE ACQUISITION OF NEW COMBAT AIR-
CRAFT. HOWEVER, THERE IS SOME DOUBT THAT FINANCING
PACKAGE CAN BE DEVELOPED TO ENABLE KENYA TO PURCHASE
SQUADRON OF NEW AIRCRAFT FOR ABOUT \$60 MILLION. IF AIRCRAFT
CANNOT BE FINANCED BY COMBININB FY 75, 76 AND 77 FMS
FUNDS, TOTAL CREDIT OF \$12 MILLION WILL BE USED FOR
PROCUREMENT OF FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT IN PRIORITY ORDER:

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION
22	90 MM RECOILLESS RIFLE M67
42	106 MM RECOILLESS RIFLE M40 A2
20	TOW MISSILE LAUNCHER
JY\$	(ADDITIONAL) 90 MM RECOILLESS RIFLE M67
8	105 MM TOWED HOWITZER
27	PRIME MOVER FOR TOWED HOWITZER
30	M113 AL ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIER
19	M60 AL TANK

(NOTE: ABOVE LIST SUBJECT TO MAJOR REVISION, DEPENDING
ON OUTCOME OF KENYA MILITARY MISSION TO WASHINGTON IN
FEBRUARY).

C. PROVISION OF CREDIT DOES NOT SUPPORT MILITARY
REQUIREMENT DERIVED FROM U.S.-APPROVED FORCE GOAL.
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D. THERE IS NO OTHER JUSTIFICATION FOR CREDIT IN
TERMS OF U.S. MILITARY GOALS. HOWEVER, SEE ITEM F BELONX
FORNEISCUSSION OF U.S. NAVY USE OF MOBASA PORT.

E. THERE IS NO GRANT MATERIEL PROGRAM FOR KENYA.
GRANT TRAINING WILL BE USED TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE
TO ASSIST KENYA IN GAINING PROFICIENCY ON EQUIPMENT

PURCHASED, ALTHOUGH MODEST AMOUNT OF GRANT TRAINING FUNDS WILL CONTINUE TO BE ALLOCATED TO PROFESSIONAL AND CAREER TRAINING OF KENYAN OFFICERS.

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F. KENYA IS FRIENDLY TO U.S., MAINTAINS A RELATIVELY DEMOCRATIC POLITICAL SYSTEM, AND ACTS AS AN IMPORTANT COUNTERBALANCE TO COUNTRIES IN REGION WHICH ARE DOMINATED BY RADICAL LEFTIST REGIMES ALIGNED OR SYMPATHETIC WITH SOVIET UNION. MOREOVER, U.S. CURRENTLY ENJOYS ACCESS TO MOMBASA PORT, ONE OF THE FEW AVAILABLE IN WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN FOR US NAVY CARRIER AND OTHER WARSHIP CREW LIBERTY AND RESUPPLY. WHILE KENYA HAS NOT MADE USE OF MOMBASA CONDITIONAL ON MILITARY ASSISTANCE, U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO KENYAN DEFENSE NEEDS OBVIOUSLY HELPS TO ASSURE CONTINUED WELCOME IN MOMBASA IN THE FACE OF CRITICISM FROM KENYA'S MORE RADICAL NEIGHBORS.

G. CREDIT IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE KENYA WITH A

MEASURE OF CREDIBILITY IN DETERRING ATTACK BY ONE OF ITS
MORE HEAVILY ARMED NEIGHBORS, NOTABLY SOMALIA AND
UGANDA. IT WOULD NOT CONTRIBUTE TO ARMS RACE; ON CONTRARY,
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IT WOULD HELP REDRESS SERIOUS MILITARY IMBALANCE WHICH AT
PRESENT CONSTITUTES TEMPTATION FOR ADVENTURIST MILITARY
ACTION ON KENYA'S FRONTIERS.

H. KENYA CANNOT UNDERTAKE ITS DEFENSE MODERNIZATION
PROGRAM WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL OUTSIDE HELP, AND THERE IS
NO DOUBT THAT ITS SMALL, LIGHTLY-ARMED DEFENSE FORCES NEED
BETTER EQUIPMENT. IT IS PARTICULARLY DEPENDENT ON CREDIT
ASSISTANCE FOR FOREIGN-CURRENCY COMPONENT OF DEFENSE
PROCUREMENT.

I. CREDIT IN AMOUNT CONTEMPLATED FOR FY 77 WILL NOT
SERIOUSLY ENCUMBER KENYA'S FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESOURCES,
PRIMARILY BECAUSE AMOUNTS ARE RELATIVELY SMALL, OFFICIAL
DONORS AND PRIVATE INVESTORS ARE EYELECTED TO CONTINUE
UNDERWRITING KENYA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND INCREASE
IN COFFEE PRICES MAY GIVE KENYA SLIGHTLY MORE LEEWAY
IN MANAGING ITS EXTERNAL RESERVES BY 1977. IN TERMS
OF NATIONAL BUDGET, DEFENSE SPENDING IS LESS THAN 5 PER
CENT (OR PUT ANOTHER WAY, BELOW ONE PER CENT OF GDP);
PROPOSED U.S. CREDITS WOULD NOT SUBSTANTIALY INCREASE
THIS.

J. KENYA IS MAKING NO LARGE CASH PURCHASES FROM
U.S. OR THIRD COUNTRIES, NOR IS IT LIKELY TO DO SO IN
FY 77. IT IS SEEKING ASSISTANCE FROM UK AND EC COUN-
TRIES, AND POSSIBLY CANADA, BUT OUTCOME OF THESE EFF-
ORTS IS UNCERTAIN. SO FAR, KENYA HAS REFRAINED FROM
TURNING TO COMMUNIST SUPPLIERS, ALTHOUGH ITS NEEDS ARE
GREAT IN RELATION TO AMOUNTS AVAILABLE FROM WESTERN
SOURCES.
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